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FOR: CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

- 29 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed.
- Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-402401
- 6 sheets of formal drawing.
- An assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD.
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- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
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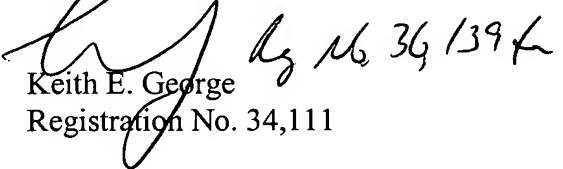
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